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SUBJECT:MODE - PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL  
USCG PERSONNEL

1. TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT/US COAST GUARD (USCG) HAS  
ASKED AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN TWO ADDITIONAL MARINE INSPECTORS  
TO KOBE AND ONE INSPECTOR/SAFETY SPECIALIST TO YOKOHAMA.  
RATIONALE FOR ACTION, ACCORDING TO USCG, IS FACT THAT  
INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS HAVE MORE THAN TRIPLED SINCE 1975  
BECAUSE OF INCREASE IN US FLAG SHIPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
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AND/OR REPAIR IN JAPANESE YARDS. (E.G. NUMBER OF NEW  
CONSTRUCTION SHIPS HAS RISEN FROM 4 IN 1975 TO 12 IN 1977.)  
YOKOHAMA POSITION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY USN MILITARY  
SEALIFT COMMAND WHICH DESIRES A QUALIFIED CG INSPECTOR TO  
SUPERVISE MARINE INSPECTION AND EXPLOSIVE LOADING OF US  
VESSELS THERE.

2. USCG HOPES THAT KOBE INSPECTORS COULD BE ADMITTED UNDER JAPANESE IMMIGRATION STATUS 4-2-2 (GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL), WHILE IT ANTICIPATES THAT YOKOHAMA PERSON, WHO WOULD BE WORKING PRIMARILY WITH US SEALIFT COMMAND, WOULD COME UNDER SOFA AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT REQUIRE JAPANESE VISA. USCG ANTICIPATES NO NEED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY

EMBASSY OR CONGEN OTHER THAN FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING REQUISITE DOCUMENTATION.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE THREE POSITIONS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN USCG MODE CEILING WORLDWIDE, SINCE SEVERAL POSITIONS IN OTHER AREAS OF PACIFIC ARE BEING ELIMINATED BY END OF 1977. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, RAISE USCG MODE CEILING FOR JAPAN BY 3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WOULD BRING USCG AUTHORIZED LEVEL IN JAPAN TO 183 MILITARY POSITIONS DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

FAR EAST SECTION YOKOTA.....19

LORMONSTA KAMISEYA.....14

LORSTA GESASHI OKINAWA.....37

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LORSTA IWO JIMA.....41

MARINE INSPECTORS..... 5

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(TOMANO, HIROSHIMA, KOBE,  
YOKOHAMA)

TOTAL.....183

AS USCG REIMBURSES DOD FOR SERVICES OF SIX LOCAL NATIONALS IN JAPAN, THESE MAY BE INCLUDED IN DOD RATHER THAN DOT PERSONNEL STATISTICS.

4. TOURS OF DUTY OF EACH OF THREE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE TWO YEARS. USCG WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO EXPIRATION SO THAT STATE, EMBASSY AND USCG CAN REVIEW NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF THESE AND OTHER POSITIONS BEFORE ASSIGNMENT OF ANY REPLACEMENT(S).

5. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ASSIGNMENT OF THESE USCG PERSONNEL ON THIS BASIS. IF EMBASSY FORESEES NO PROBLEM, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LENDING USCG PERSONNEL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AS NECESSARY. USCG ANTICIPATES ARRIVAL OF NEW PERSONNEL FOR KOBE SOMETIME IN JANUARY AND YOKOHAMA PERSON BY MAY, 1978.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS VIA

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